

☒ ORIGINAL ☐ UPDATED

 LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
 VA 2.01 (1)(u) VA 2.01 (1)(v) VA
 2.01 (3)(d) VA 2.01 (3)(e)
 VA 2.01 (3)(f) VA 2.01 (3)(g)

 FISCAL ESTIMATE
 DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

☐ CORRECTED ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject
Creating administrative rules relating to the assistance to needy veterans grant program.
Fiscal Effect
 State: ☐ No State Fiscal Effect

 Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
 or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

☐ Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
 Within Agency's Budget ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Increase Existing Appropriation ☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriation ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☐ Create New Appropriation

☒ Decrease Costs

 Local: ☐ No local government costs

 1. ☐ Increase Costs
 ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
 2. ☐ Decrease Costs
 ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

 3. ☐ Increase Revenues
 ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
 4. ☐ Decrease Revenues
 ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

 5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
☐ Towns ☐ Villages ☐ Cities
☐ Counties ☐ Others _____
☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts
Fund Sources Affected
☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☒ SEG ☐ SEG-S
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
\$20.485 2(vm)
Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposed administrative rule creates VA 2.01 (1) (u), VA 2.01 (1) (v), VA 2.01 (3) (d), VA2.01 (3)(e), VA 2.01 (3)(f) and VA 2.01 (3)(g) relating to the assistance to needy veterans grant program that will establish a definition for the vision care assistance and program limitations for the aid offered through the program.

The proposed administrative rule establishes the following provisions governing the grant program:

1. Limit "dental care" not to exceed \$1,400 every 5 years
2. Limit "hearing care" not to exceed \$1,300 per ear every 4 years
3. Establish "vision care" not to exceed \$400 per year

Provisions of 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 eliminated caps for dental care, hearing care and vision care and increased the lifetime cap to \$7,500. Prior to those changes, the annual cap for dental care was \$2,500, \$1,500 per hear for hearing care and \$500 for vision care. The lifetime cap was \$5,000. The authorized funding for the 2007-09 biennium was \$1,492,000. Of that amount, expenditures in FY08 were \$1,277,700, which left a balance of \$214,300 to cover FY09 payments. As a result, the program was closed in October, 2008 (FY08-09 expenditures \$1,662,500); the provisions of Act 20 had increased the expenditures more than projected. The authorized funding for 2009-11 biennium is \$1,991,500. However, based on the proposed rule changes the estimated demand is \$1,493,500 (\$711,200+\$782,300) which would decrease expenditures by \$210,550 in FY10 and \$287,500 in FY11. Thus the projected biennial savings as a result of the proposed rule changes would be approximately \$498,000.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications
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